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This amendment follows a telephone call from Examiner Souw who pointed out that the claims as last presented were incomplete in omitting claims 51 to 62.

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The apparatus according to claim 49 wherein the receiver includes a drum on which one or more reference securities 1 2 can be fastened. 3

51. An apparatus for the optical testing of flat objects 1 comprising: 2

a housing,

an emplacement surface carried by the housing and having at least one first region and a second region for supporting an object and for a sliding shifting thereof between the first and second regions,

a device according to claim 32 which is carried by the housing and whose measuring window lies above the first region of the emplacement surface or coincides therewith, and

an infrared camera carried by the housing and targeted on the second region.

- The apparatus according to claim 51 wherein the 1 infrared camera is a black white CCD camera which is provided with 2 a blocking filter for the visible light range. 3
- The apparatus according to claim 51 wherein a 1 monitor is provided which is carried by the housing and is con-2 nected to the output of the infrared camera.

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- The apparatus according to claim 51 wherein the housing has a second light source which is trained from above onto the second region and has a significant proportion of its radiation in an infrared region and is selectively capable of being switched on.
- 55. The apparatus according to claim 54 wherein the 1 second light source is a glow filament lamp. 2
- 56. The apparatus according to claim 51 wherein the second region of the emplacement surface is light permeable and the housing carries a third light source which is trained from below onto the second region and has a significant proportion of radia-6 tion in an infrared range and can be selectively switched on. 7
- The apparatus according to claim 56 wherein the 1 third light source also has a significant proportion of its radia-2 tion in the visible light range. 3
- The apparatus according to claim 57 wherein the 1 third light source is a glow filament lamp. 2
- An apparatus according to claim 51 wherein the 1 emplacement surface has a third region for supporting the object 2 and for sliding shifting thereof between the first region, the

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- second region and the third region, whereby the housing having a fourth light source trained from above onto the third region and having a significant proportion of radiation in the ultraviolet range.
- 60. The apparatus according to claim 51 wherein the housing has a cover hood which is arranged above the emplacement surface and has at least one lateral opening for access to the emplacement surface.
- 12 61. The apparatus according to claim 60 wherein the 13 third region is spaced from the opening.
 - 62. The apparatus according to claim 51 wherein the emplacement surface is equipped in a fourth region with an inductive sensor. ---

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The present communication replaces the Preliminary

Amendment which was originally filed as an amendment which includes
a clean version of replacement claims 32-62. Since a new set of
claims has been provided in its entirety, neither a marked-up
version nor a clean version of the amended claims is required.

The number of claims now in the case is identical to the number of claims covered by the fees tendered originally, namely